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## That Second Report

Issuance of a second report as a result of the investigations carried on by representatives of the state attorney general and the county district attorney has been greeted with mixed emotions in Torrance. The report's principal theme, we're informed, was that the three police officers arrested last summer on criminal charges—and later convicted—were operating alone and did not implicate others on the force.

The report did, however, point up strongly the lack of leadership in the department, and justified with specific cases, that lack of direction.

The conclusion of the investigators was no surprise to most. The Herald pointed out last July that a need for leadership in the department was evident and that it should be the duty of the top police "to provide forceful direction" and "to set examples which inspire respect."

In fairness to the City Council, it should be stated that steps to provide that leadership were taken in September when members of the Council's police and fire committee along with city administrative aides met with Sheriff Pitchess and requested that he supply a top ranking officer to study and analyze the department. Investigations by the attorney general had begun a week earlier, however, and the Sheriff was reluctant to enter the picture at that time.

The Herald believes that the city will be better off because the reports have been made. Gleeful candidates for the City Council in the current election campaign are using the reports to charge corruption, but are in trouble when asked to be specific. Candidates hoping to use the current investigation as election insurance might look for better issues.

Insofar as the report pertains to the ebullient Mayor Isen, who has kept himself in the publicity spotlight, we are convinced he has been guilty of nothing more than a lack of judgment. The report certainly didn't hang any "corruption" tag around his neck, despite the hand-rubbing ecstasy of his political opponents.

Ten specific recommendations were offered at the conclusion of the latest report, all dealing with the operation of the police department.

Because of the determined leadership shown by the two men charged with this responsibility at the moment, many of those recommendations have been adopted already. Assistant Police Chief M. H. Porter with the solid backing of Acting City Manager Ed Ferraro has announced a number of changes in personnel assignments, has taken steps to revamp the vice division, and has inaugurated a new system of handling and accounting for evidence to support criminal charges.

Porter and Ferraro, each the Number Two man in his department until recently, are to be commended for the way in which they have shouldered the responsibilities suddenly thrust upon them.

## Out of the Past

From the Pages of the HERALD

### 50 Years Ago

More than 100 new books were added to the fledgling Torrance Library as the small library marked its first year in operation. The city was already facing a housing problem, and the Dominguez Land Corp. announced plans to subdivide lands south of the central part of Torrance into quarter-acre plots, according to THE HERALD for March 6, 1914.

An advertisement in the same edition noted new Fords—Model T's to be exact—could be purchased for \$625, delivered in Torrance!

### 40 Years Ago

Torrance was in the midst of its big oil boom as editions of THE HERALD for March 7, 1924, announced another 1,500 barrel producer. Six wells were brought in, and one located on E. Palm Street was spewing the black gold at the rate of 1,500 barrels a day.

The editor noted happily in his regular column that "the short skirts are coming back." The editor also had noted that a two-year rebellion of American women against the long skirt had been won, with "American good sense" prevailing.

### 30 Years Ago

1934 was a sports year to Torrance, and Torrance High was mighty proud. "Iron man Louis Zamperini" was the anchor man on a THS relay team which won top placing at the Long Beach Relays. The Tartar relay team set a new record of 3:30.2 in claiming the top honor.

Councilmen set the salary of the city clerk at \$200 (a salary amendment on the same subject is on the ballot

for this year's municipal election).

### 20 Years Ago

Judge Otto B. Willett was elected president of the Torrance Rotary Club, according to a report in THE HERALD for March 9, 1944. Another front-page story reported the beginning of production of the new "super 100-octane unit at the General Petroleum new Mobil plant in Torrance." The plant was producing fuel for use by the U. S. Armed Forces in the Pacific Theater.

Transportation was a problem for Torrance industries producing war material, and the city began studying a proposal to add six new buses to the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Total cost of the six buses was reported at \$57,000.

HERALD columns also contained detailed instructions for using the ration stamps issued by OPA, and many Torrance men were serving their nation in the Armed Services.

### 10 Years Ago

School bonds were the big news, as Torrance realized something had to give. An \$8 million bond issue was on the ballot and discussion was heavy, according to THE HERALD editions of March 7, 1954. Numerous ads, sponsored by citizens groups, industrial firms, and business concerns urged Torrance voters to "Vote Yes."

In the sports world, Bob Moon was unanimously chosen for All-Bay League honors as the THS basketball season came to a close. In track, the Tartars rolled up an impressive 72½-43½-12 victory in a tri-meet with Redondo and Serra.

## Ready For The First Jump



ROYCE BRIER

## Inflexible Policy Works Against Us in Cold War

An American policy weakness of long standing is a granite adherence to attitudes which were logical when adopted, but which became illogical with changing situations. No administration of our century has wholly escaped from this dead hand of the past.

A good example is President Johnson's pledge to "continue" the policies of President Kennedy. There was doubtless virtue in this as a generality, and as reassurance to the people shaken by assassination, but analysis suggests some present doubts. Why continue a policy formulated early in 1963 when the situation giving rise to it may have sharply changed by early 1964?

But in a larger sense the rigidity of our policy is open to question. This rigidity may be passed off by us as fidelity of purpose, but to other free peoples of more flexible tradition, it may appear blindness to reality.

After the war the conduct

of the Stalin autarchy caused us to believe Stalin might go for broke with a military thrust to the Rhine. Among defensive measures we organized an embargo against Stalin to contain his strength, and John Foster Dulles was the high priest of "containment" in the mid-1950s.

But every passing year saw the threat of massive Soviet aggression recede. Yet our containment did not recede. Further, our containment ran to practically everything, not just to strategic goods.

It was with soul-searching difficulty we broke containment with the Russian wheat deal. But we broke it because our allies had already broken it with wheat, and many other non-strategic goods. Two years ago, after the missile crisis, we pinpointed our containment on Cuba, as a Soviet outpost. But again our allies confounded us.

Unlike Mao, Castro has something the world needs—sugar. He can sell it and get dollars, which he offers to

Europe for goods, like buses. The Europeans call us dollar chasers, and that's a laugh, coming from dollar-chasing Europeans.

Still, that's the way people are, so why not mold our policy to the way people are, instead of the way we hoped they would be 15 years ago?

President Johnson and Prime Minister Douglas-Hume conferred about everything. In the communique occurred this passage: "The President stressed his concern at the present situation in the Caribbean area, and the subversive and disruptive influence of the Cuban regime."

The communique-type baloney in this passage is only outdone by the baloney of the Prime Minister's reaction to it. But Sir Alec put millions of American television viewers straight on this question, when he told them the cold truth, that Britain must sell to live. This is British policy. What is our policy—that the British don't know what's good for them?

Stan Delaplaine

## Silver Dollars May Be Rare, But Not in Reno

RENO — "We will be in Reno, Nevada for a week. Is it true silver dollars are getting scarce? (We read it in the paper.) Are some more valuable than others?"

Apparently they are getting short. Jordan Crouch, senior vice president of the First National Bank of Nevada, estimated for me that there won't be any in circulation within a year. Reno alone uses them up at \$100,000 worth a week!

You'd never know they were rare. The silver dollar is the gambling chip and they HAVE to use them. You get ALL your store change in dollars.

You'd have to ask a coin collectors' shop for a list of rare ones. One you might get is the Carson City Dollar from the old mint there — (from Comstock lode silver). If you get one of these — rarely but possible — you've got a small prize. (The U. S. Mint isn't planning to mint any more silver dollars at all.)

"If we drive in Europe, what papers do we need? And how do you get them?"

You need an international "green card" which says you are internationally insured. This lets you travel from country to country. Much easier than the old "carnet de passage" we had to fill out going in and coming out. Your State's driving license

is good in most places. But not all. So get an International Drivers License. Any AAA office plus two passport pictures plus \$2.

The green card will be issued to you by the people who rent or sell you the car. It's standard part of the service — so insist on it. They ought to get you temporary membership in the auto clubs of various countries, maps and all kinds of extra help.

One thing I got (from Royal Automobile Club in England) was a small, transparent decal for the corner windshield. Shows all the road signs in Europe and what they mean. Such road signs carry the meaning visually: The little skidding car means "slippery road." The puffing train, "ungraded rail crossing." The barred gates "guarded crossing." But some need more interpretation. And the decal does this for you.

Some information you have to keep in mind. Continental distances are in kilometers. And so is your speedometer. For km. into miles, multiply by 6 and drop the last digit. Km. 60 equals 36 miles. (Rough but accurate enough.)

Gasoline is sold in liters—roughly four liters to the gallon. Speed is often a matter for your discretion. France, for example, has speed limits on major roads in the heavy season. None is off-season. It is marked on the roads. Speed and months.

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

## Nasser's Egypt, Nehru's India in Capsule Report

BOMBAY, INDIA — In the past two weeks I have talked with Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai . . . Egypt's President Nasser . . . and today with India's Prime Minister Nehru and his sister Madam Pandit, governor of Bombay.

In future columns I shall go into greater detail on my observations and reactions to President Nasser and Prime Minister Nehru and the changes in their countries; as I did in a previous column on my interview with Chou En-Lai. But here is, in capsule form, a report from Egypt and India as I just covered them:

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I saw President Nasser on the anniversary celebration of his taking over the Suez canal from Britain. Around a large square in front of Port Said, he paraded the formidable military might of Egypt to the cheering thousands—everything from the latest Soviet rockets to heavy Soviet tanks, T-34 medium tanks and literary hundreds of armored troop carriers and guns.

At the airport he had gathered practically all of Egypt's air force consisting of everything from Russian MIG-18s, IL-28 bombers, TU-16 long range jet bombers, MIG-19 fighter bombers, etc. He proudly told the press the hardware cost over \$110 million . . . with another \$120 million due from Russia.

I heard him say that for 1964 he is doubling the number of army divisions at a cost of another \$70 million for a total military expenditure of over \$300 million in the past three years. This amounts to nearly 50 per cent of the estimated value of Egypt's cotton export in 1963.

President Nasser admitted this outlay is beyond Egypt's financial capacity, but he said . . . "Egypt cannot afford another 1949 with Israel."

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Nasser has nationalized all foreign properties to date. He seized all the land owned by the "Pharaohs" . . . the 650 families that owned nearly all the productive soil of Egypt. He confiscated even the furniture and silver of thousands of business men.

Based on the present new laws, no Egyptian can earn more than \$1,600 a year.

Business men and the intelligentsia are leaving Egypt in hordes, for the entire economy is riding a tightrope.

By destroying incentive, Nasser is also destroying the "petite bourgeoisie" of small industrialists and operators that can sustain a substantial portion of his economy.

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He is pursuing a kind of revolutionary socialist trauma in Islam, and is now caught between his hungry peasant millions and those of the Arab nations around him . . . who can't seem to satisfy their hunger with a parade of rockets and tanks.

Nasser is still the messiah of the Middle East . . . he is still idolized by millions . . . but his economy is cracking to the point that may force

**Strength for These Days**  
(From The Bible)

Choose you this day whom ye will serve. (Josh. 24:15)  
If we really believe in God we also believe there is but one presence and one power; that in choosing to serve the Almighty we are saying yes to all that is good and true.

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him on military adventures to take the heat off his gamble.

I saw and talked with Prime Minister Nehru on the occasion of his visit to the Maharashtra State Women's Council Rescue home in Bombay. He has aged considerably since my last visit with him in New Delhi in 1959. His voice quivered noticeably. He seemed to have lost his drive. I believe he is through physically and will retire.

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"There will be no deviating from the road to socialism," he told me, "and we have reached a stage in planning that will save India."

Nehru strongly defended India's policy of non-alignment . . . and he did not think Red China would attack again. Referring to my interview with Chou En-Lai which he read in the Indian press . . . and Chou's sugges-

tion for a meeting to compromise the border dispute . . . Nehru said, "Actions will speak louder than words."

With the exception of political opponents, like former Indian ambassador to the U.S., G. L. Mehta, who introduced me for my address to the Bombay World Affairs Council at India's famous "Cricket Club" . . . Nehru is the idol of the Indian masses. His support of unpopular Krishna Menon, has lost him many former colleagues in the Indian congress, but the rank and file worship him.

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Nehru has gone all out in the control of population. He has greatly increased education and medical care.

"The Red Chinese attack," he said, "has stopped our social progress for a time . . . but we're getting back on course."

He overlooked to mention: Thanks to U.S. aid.

Our Man Hoppe

## The Best Vote Getter: Hide

Art Hoppe

For months Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Goldwater have been slogging through the slush up in New Hampshire, day in, day out. And now they're both saying the whole primary will never prove a thing. Unless they win.

Nonsense. The whole primary has already proved a Great Truth: both gentlemen should've stayed home.

This Great Truth is based on cold statistics: the latest polls. For the latest Lou Harris Survey, for example, shows that after two long months of arduous, dedicated campaigning from one end of the State to the other, Mr. Rockefeller has dropped seven percentage points. And Mr. Goldwater has gone down ten.

Conversely, Mr. Nixon, who hasn't set foot in New Hampshire lately, has shot up eight points. And Mr. Lodge has skyrocketed into the lead. But then he's had the overwhelming advantage of having spent the entire campaign halfway around the world in Vietnam.

So I feel we have at last rediscovered a Great Truth about how to wage a hard-fought political campaign—a truth which can perhaps best be summed up in a single word: "Don't!"

As you know, this discovery was first made by Mr. William McKinley, "The Great Innovator," in the 1896 Presidential campaign, which he waged from his front porch in Canton, Ohio. On the other hand, his opponent, Mr. William Jennings Bryan, hustled all over the country meeting voters and making speeches. Naturally, Mr. McKinley clobbered Mr. Bryan. And that this lesson has been lost is one of the great tragedies of American politics.

Look at New Hampshire. In January, the polls showed Mr. Rockefeller beloved by 23 per cent of the State's Republicans. So he happily goes up there and covers the pot-luck-supper circuit "to get to know the voters better." And, unhappily, they get to know him.

So the gentlemen voters start saying things like: "Can't abide a feller who calls me 'fella.'" And the ladies add: "Why doesn't he stay home with his and her children?" And now Mr. Rockefeller's beloved by 16 per cent.

In Mr. Goldwater's case, 29 per cent adored the way his keen, analytical mind solved the complex issues of our day. Like: "Call out the Marines!" And now he's adored by 19 per cent.

Well, we members of The William McKinley Fan Club only hope our politicians have learned their lesson this time. And that henceforth we will be spared speeches, handshakes, and getting germs all over our babies. As I see it, any astute politician will simply announce his candidacy, take the next boat for Tibet and win in a landslide.

For, after all, politics is just like real life. Only more so. And you know how it is in real life when it comes to winning friends and admiring people. Personally, I think old Mr. Will Rogers summed it up best when he said: "I never met a man I didn't like."

Me neither. It's when you get to know him that the trouble starts.

## Morning Report:

Oh, those congressmen of ours are the sly boots. For months they righteously refused to cut our taxes because the budget was too big. Fiscal irresponsibility! Also national bankruptcy! But finally their good sense triumphed over their principles and they cut our taxes by \$11,500,000,000.

Because they knew we wanted them to. Of course, it's not a perfect tax cut. Some guys got more cut than we got. But there was some little goodie for everybody.

And any Congressman who isn't re-elected in November cannot blame anybody but himself. And us selfish voters who may ask, "Cut, yes, but what have you done for us recently?"

Abe Mellinkoff